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ABSTRACT

Amphiboles were synthesized at 1.5 kbar P_{H_2O} and 850 °C along the join pargasite-fluoropargasite. Structural variations in the amphibole as a function of F have been characterized by a combination of SEM-EDS, X-ray powder diffraction, and infrared spectroscopy. SEM-EDS analyses show that, for increasing F in the system, there is a decrease in Al_{tot} in the amphibole and a significant decrease of F incorporation in the structure. In agreement with the EDS data, the variation in cell parameters and IR spectra show that incorporation of F in pargasite is restricted to about 1.0 atoms per formula unit (apfu). The OH-stretching spectra show fine structure caused by F replacing OH at the O3 anion site, and are consistent with two-mode behavior typical of A-site-filled amphiboles. The agreement between calculated and observed relative band intensities suggests complete short-range disorder of OH and F at the O3 anion site.

INTRODUCTION

Amphiboles containing significant amounts of F are common in syenites, granites, and siliceous marbles (Petersen et al. 1982). It is well established that F increases markedly the thermal and baric stabilities of amphiboles (Cameron and Gibbs 1973; Foley 1991; Valley et al. 1982). Fluorine-hydroxyl exchange between minerals is used as a geothermometer (e.g., Westrich 1981), and fluoro-amphiboles have been used as experimental analogues of their hydroxyl counterparts because of their relative ease of synthesis, characterization and stability in calorimetric experiments (Holloway and Ford 1975; Graham and Navrotsky 1986). In some cases, this procedure has been applied successfully (e.g., Welch and Graham 1992). However, much of the utility of the approach of using F analogues in amphibole studies depends upon the characterization of cation and F-OH ordering. Long-range ordering patterns of cations in pargasite are now quite well understood (Raudsepp et al. 1987; Welch et al. 1994; Oberti et al. 1995a, 1998), even if we still know very little about short-range ordering (Della Ventura et al. 1999a). Welch and Knight (1999) studied synthetic end-member pargasite by neutron powder-diffraction and found ^{67}Al disordered over M2 and M3, but not M1, in accord with single-crystal X-ray data on natural pargasites (Oberti et al. 1995a). On the other hand, the ordering of octahedral cations in pargasite is significantly affected by the presence of F such that trivalent cations are strongly ordered at the M2 site in fluoro-pargasite (Raudsepp et al. 1987; Oberti et al. 1995b, 1998).

Both pargasite (Boyd 1959; Gilbert 1969; Holloway 1973; Semet 1973; Hinrichsen and Schürman 1977; Braue and Seck 1977; Oba 1980; Westrich and Holloway 1981; Raudsepp et

al. 1987; Welch et al. 1994, 1998; Della Ventura et al. 1999a, 1999b) and fluoro-pargasite (Westrich and Navrotsky 1981; Raudsepp et al. 1987; Oberti et al. 1995b) have been synthesized and characterized. However, there is no data for synthetic pargasite with intermediate OH-F compositions. This lack of information prompted the present work, focused on the synthesis and characterization of amphiboles along the join pargasite-fluoro-pargasite.

EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

Starting materials were prepared as silicate gels according to the method of Hamilton and Henderson (1968). For F-bearing pargasite, F was added as dried MgF_2 to a gel of appropriate composition. A constant solid/water ratio of 10% by weight was used for all experiments. Synthesis was done at 850 °C, 1.5 kbar in Tuttle-type, externally heated pressure vessels for the duration of one week. FTIR spectra in the principal OH-stretching region ($4000\text{--}3000\text{ cm}^{-1}$) were collected on a Nicolet Magna 760 spectrophotometer equipped with a nitrogen-cooled InSb detector and a CaF_2 beamsplitter; the nominal resolution is 2 cm^{-1} and final spectra are the average of 32 scans. Samples were prepared as KBr pellets. Details of the sample preparation may be found in Robert et al. (1989). To minimize interfering moisture in the pellets, the mineral + KBr powders were dried at 150 °C for 24 hours and then pressed. All disks were kept in an oven (150 °C) overnight and then analyzed at room temperature in controlled atmosphere. Despite careful sample preparation, some moisture was still present in all samples. X-ray powder-diffraction patterns were recorded with Fe-filtered $CoK\alpha$ X-radiation. Cell parameters were measured by whole powder-pattern refinement (Rietveld method) using the DBW3.2 software package (Wiles and Young 1981). Due to the very small grain-size, chemical analyses were done by SEM-EDAX on powders mounted on carbon tape on a brass sub-

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strate (Cu, Zn). For each sample, a suitable number of amphibole crystals with flat surfaces were analyzed. EDS analyses were acquired on a Philips XL30 high-resolution electron-microscope at LIME (Laboratorio Interdipartimentale di Microscopia Elettronica, University of Roma Tre) equipped with a Super-UTW EDAX detector with a focused beam for 150 s count-time. Data were corrected for ZAF effects and the relative concentrations were obtained by standardless analysis; the values obtained are believed to be reliable within 10% relative.

RESULTS

Run products

Run products were examined by optical microscopy, SEM, and X-ray powder-diffraction. For all compositions, the run product consists of amphibole plus a minor amount of mica. The amount of mica increases slightly with increasing F content in the system. Considering the bulk composition of the starting materials and the presence of diffraction peaks corresponding to (001) repeats of 15, 12, and 10 Å, we conclude that the composition of this mica is close to that of Na-phlogopite and its two hydrates (Carman 1974). The pargasite and fluoro-pargasite crystals (Fig. 1) are acicular, averaging 2–3 $\mu\text{m} \times 10 \mu\text{m}$, with a few larger crystals up to 4–5 $\mu\text{m} \times 15 \mu\text{m}$.

Chemical composition

The data of Table 1 show that, for increasing F content in the system, there is a decrease in total Al in the amphibole, the composition of which departs from pargasite stoichiometry toward edenite, according to the Tschermak-type substitution $^{[6]}\text{Al} + ^{[4]}\text{Al} \leftrightarrow ^{[6]}\text{Mg} + ^{[4]}\text{Si}$. The EDS data show constant Na and Ca contents across the join. The crystal-chemical formula of the amphibole solid-solution can be thus expressed as $\text{NaCa}_2(\text{Mg}_{4-x}\text{Al}_{1-x})(\text{Si}_{6-x}\text{Al}_{2-x})\text{O}_{22}(\text{OH},\text{F})_2$, where x is the amount of edenite component in the amphibole. It is apparent from Table 1 that for nominal F contents greater than 1.2 apfu in the system there is a sudden and significant departure toward edenite and that the F content in the amphibole is virtually constant.

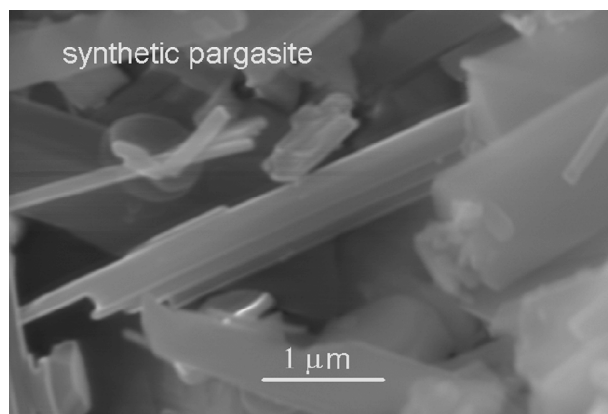


FIGURE 1. SEM image of synthetic pargasite.

Unit-cell parameters

Table 2 gives the unit-cell parameters of the synthetic amphiboles. The most notable feature (Fig. 2) is the strong decrease of the a edge with $X_F = \text{F}/[\text{OH}+\text{F}]$, up to $X_F \sim 0.5$. The b edge decreases slightly in the same compositional range, and then increases slightly for $X_F > 0.5$. The c edge increases slightly up to $X_F \sim 0.5$, and then remains constant for higher F contents. The β angle decreases in the range $0.0 < X_F < 0.5$ and is almost constant for $X_F > 0.5$. This strongly anisotropic variation of the cell parameters as a function of F parallels the behavior observed for (OH,F)-richterite (Robert et al. 1989). In richterite, there is virtually complete exchange between OH and F at the O3 site (Robert et al. 1989, 1999) and the linear contraction of the cell volume, as a function of F (Fig. 3) occurs because F^{-1} is smaller than O^{-1} (1.30 vs. 1.34 Å, Shannon 1976). In F-substituted pargasite, the cell volume decreases only up to $X_F = 0.5$. Figures 2 and 3 suggest that, in pargasite, at least for the hydrothermal conditions used here, the incorporation of F is restricted to about 1.0 apfu, in accord with the EDS analyses (Table 1). For $X_F > 0.5$, the unit-cell volume and the b edge of the synthesized amphibole increase markedly. This cannot be related to the $\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{F}$ substitution in the amphibole, and is in accord with the increasing amount of edenite component in the amphibole detected by EDS.

Infrared spectroscopy

The spectrum of end-member pargasite (Fig. 4) shows a doublet consisting of two rather broad bands (A and B) of almost equal intensity, centered at 3710 and 3678 cm^{-1} , which are conventionally assigned to the MgMgMg-OH-Na and MgMgAl-OH-Na configurations, respectively (Semet 1973; Raudsepp et al. 1987; Welch et al. 1994; Della Ventura et al. 1999a, 1999b). In the spectra of pargasite of intermediate OH-F contents, each of these two bands is replaced by a new band (A' and B') at lower wavenumber. The position of these new bands is constant for any anion composition, and their intensity is related to the amount of F in the amphibole; the A-A' and B-B' band-separations are 15 and 20 cm^{-1} , respectively.

TABLE 1. Microchemical data (average on ten point analyses) for amphiboles along the join pargasite-fluoropargasite

Sample	Al/(Al+Si)	X_{EDE} mol%	F_{nom} apfu	F_{nom} (wt%)	F_{obs} (wt%)
F25A	0.33	2.7	0.00	0.00	0.00
F21	0.32	8.4	0.40	0.91	1.0(2)
F22	0.32	8.8	0.80	1.82	2.3(4)
F23	0.32	7.2	1.20	2.72	2.9(2)
F24	0.29	20.6	1.60	3.62	3.4(7)
F25	0.29	24.0	2.00	4.52	3.7(3)

Note: X_{EDE} is the edenite component.

TABLE 2. Unit-cell parameters of synthetic amphiboles along the join pargasite-fluoropargasite

Sample	X_F (nom)	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	β (°)	V (Å ³)
F25A	0.00	9.900(3)	17.928(5)	5.278(2)	105.55(2)	902.49
F21	0.20	9.867(1)	17.921(2)	5.2850(2)	105.394(7)	901.06
F22	0.40	9.846(1)	17.914(2)	5.2869(6)	105.323(6)	899.40
F23	0.60	9.832(1)	17.913(2)	5.2906(5)	105.260(5)	898.99
F24	0.80	9.830(1)	17.919(2)	5.2909(7)	105.212(7)	899.38
F25	1.00	9.833(2)	17.930(4)	5.289(5)	105.18(5)	900.02

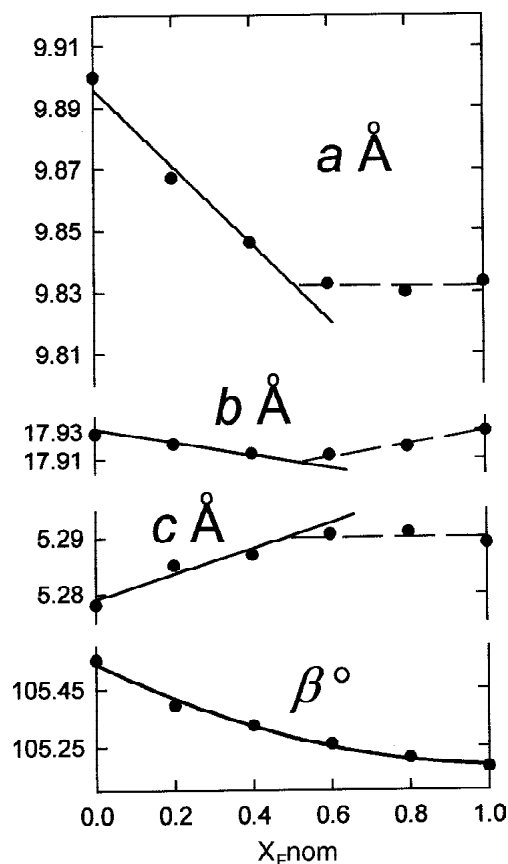


FIGURE 2. Variation in unit-cell parameters of amphiboles along the join pargasite-fluoropargasite as a function of nominal $X_F = F/[OH + F]$.

The behavior observed here for pargasite is similar to that observed for richterite and can be classified as two-mode behavior (Della Ventura et al. 1993).

The spectra of intermediate compositions were decomposed into four symmetrical Gaussian bands following the method of Della Ventura et al. (1996, 1997). Some selected results are shown in Figure 5, and Table 3 gives the refined position, width, and intensity for each component band. The spectrum of end-member pargasite was resolved into two main bands, A and B, plus an additional low-intensity band at 3652 cm^{-1} (A^* , Fig. 5). Recent work of Della Ventura et al. (1999a) shows that the spectrum of end-member pargasite is much more complicated than the present model indicates, due to short-range ordering of cations at both NN (nearest-neighbor) and NNN (next-nearest-neighbor) sites. However, in the present case, most of the discussion focuses on substitutions at the anion site, and a simplified four-band model is adequate. The minor A^* band is assigned to the $\square\text{-MgMgMg}$ configuration (Raudsepp et al. 1987; Della Ventura et al. 1999a) and suggests that nominal end-member pargasite departs slightly from its ideal composition toward magnesiohornblende; the relative intensity of the A^* band is 11% of the total absorbance (Table 3). The A^* band partly overlaps with the F-related B' band (Fig. 5), so it was removed from the refinement and the intensity of the B' band has been corrected for all samples by systematic subtraction of 5% of the intensity. We have no way to know if the amount of vacant A-

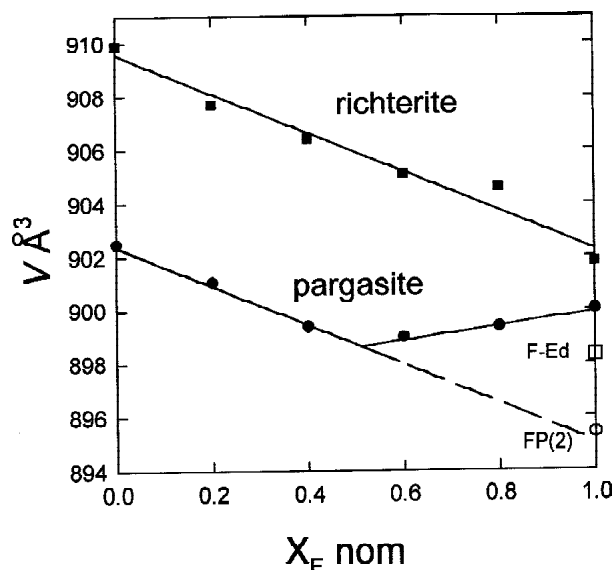


FIGURE 3. Variation in unit-cell volume of synthetic amphiboles as a function of X_F along the join pargasite-fluoropargasite (filled circles) and along the join richterite-fluorrichterite (filled squares = Robert et al. 1989) and of synthetic end-members fluoropargasite (open circle = sample FP(2), Oberti et al. 1995b) and fluoroedenite (open square = Boshmann et al. 1994).

TABLE 3. Refined positions (cm^{-1}), widths (cm^{-1}) and relative intensities (area) of amphiboles along the pargasite-fluoropargasite join

Sample		A	A'	B	B'	A*
F25A	Position	3711	—	3679	—	3652
	Width	21.0	—	26.1	—	26.4
	Area	0.40	—	0.49	—	0.11
F21	Position	3711	3693	3678	3656	—
	Width	20.6	20.7	26.2	26.2	—
	Area	0.37	0.11	0.38	0.14	—
F22	Position	3711	3693	3678	3660	—
	Width	20.6	20.7	26.2	26.2	—
	Area	0.30	0.23	0.25	0.22	—
F23	Position	3710	3692	3678	3661	—
	Width	20.6	20.7	26.2	26.2	—
	Area	0.21	0.38	0.11	0.29	—
F24	Position	3709	3693	3678	3659	—
	Width	20.4	20.4	26.2	26.0	—
	Area	0.16	0.41	0.14	0.29	—
F25	Position	3708	3693	3678	3659	—
	Width	20.6	20.4	26.2	26.1	—
	Area	0.16	0.46	0.10	0.28	—

sites is constant across the series. However, the error introduced in the calculation of the relative band intensities is averaged over all bands, and can be considered to be less than 5%, i.e., well within the limit of the method.

DISCUSSION

The OH-F distribution in pargasite

The variation in relative band intensities in the spectra of intermediate (OH-F) amphiboles may be explained by consid-

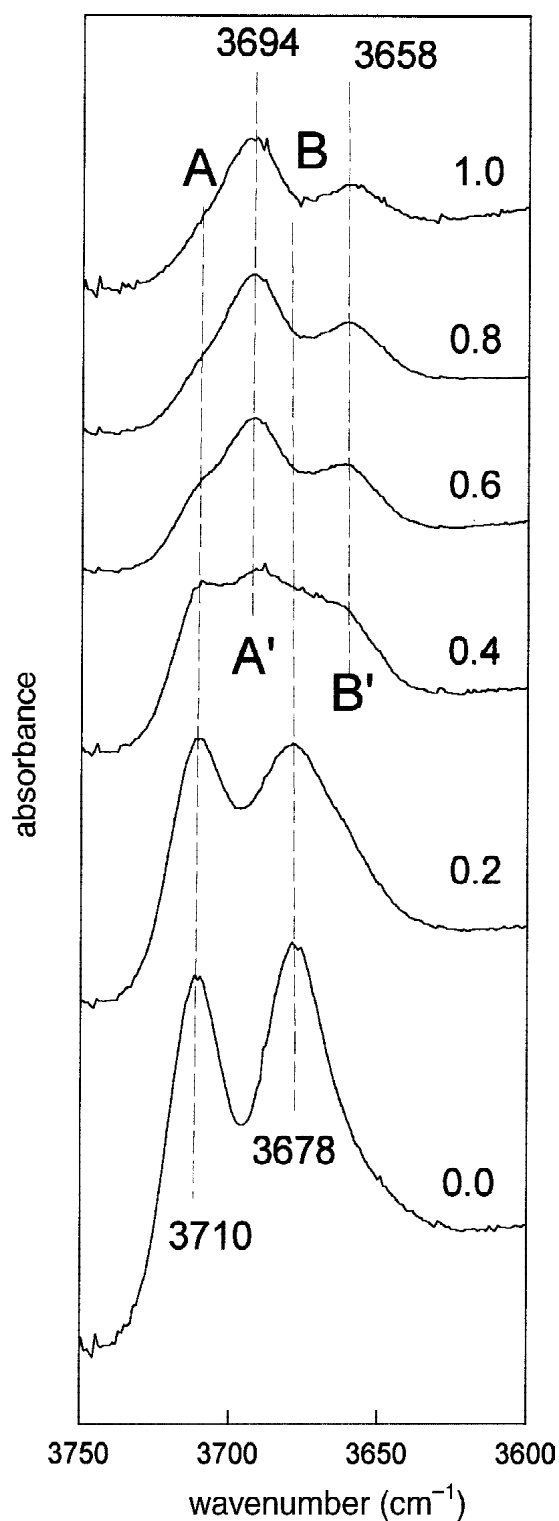


FIGURE 4. FTIR spectra in the OH-stretching region for the amphiboles with different X_F . See text for band nomenclature.

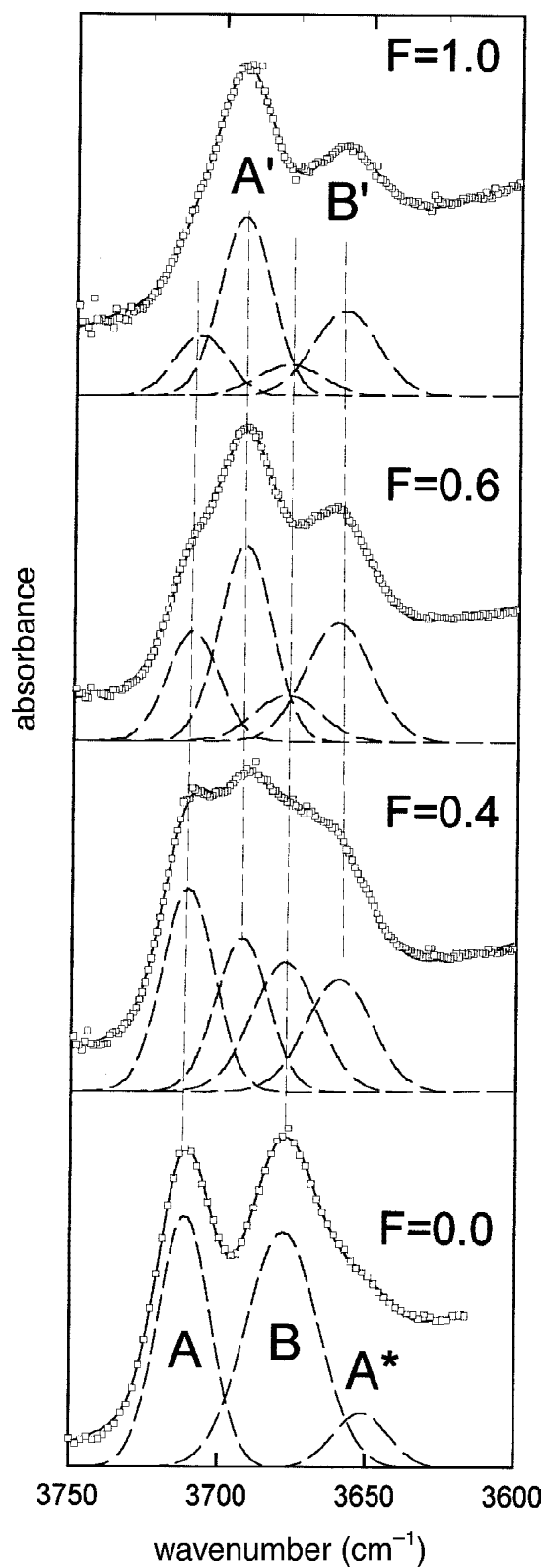


FIGURE 5. Infrared spectra of Figure 4 resolved into symmetric Gaussian bands; for band nomenclature, see text.

ering all possible local cation arrangements around the O3 sites. Synthetic end-member pargasite has the following octahedral composition: (Welch and Knight 1999): M1 = 2.0 Mg; M2 = 1.50 Mg + 0.50 Al and M3 = 0.5 Mg + 0.5 Al. Hence, there are only two possible arrangements around each OH group: $^{M1}Mg^{M2}Mg^{M3}Mg$ and $^{M1}Mg^{M2}Mg^{M3}Al$. These must occur in equal amounts, in accord with the equal intensities of the two bands in the infrared spectrum of pargasite (Fig. 4). Each of these two configurations can be associated with three anion arrangements: OH-OH, OH-F, and F-F that couple through the A-site (Robert et al. 1999), giving a total of 13 possibilities (Table 4). Configurations 3, 6, 10, and 13 are invisible to infrared in the OH-stretching region, 11 and 12 are degenerate, and configurations 5, 8, and 12 have very low probability of occurrence (Robert et al. 1993, 1997; Papin et al. 1997).

As shown by Robert et al. (1999), local OH-F short-range-order (SRO) can be tested from the relative intensities of the A-A' and B-B' doublets. Figure 6 shows the relation between the intensity of the F-related (A' + B') bands and the nominal F content in the system. In the range $0 < X_F < 0.5-0.6$, the data lie along the 1:1 line. There are two plausible reasons for deviations of the data points in Figure 6 from the 1:1 line: (1) the actual amount of F present in the sample is different from the nominal amount; (2) there is SRO of OH-F. Both the EDS data and the unit-cell parameters show that, over the range $0 < X_F < 0.6$, the samples contain the nominal amount of F; therefore, these samples must show SR disorder of OH-F. In the range $0.6 < X_F < 1.0$, the actual F content of the crystals is significantly less than the nominal amount (Table 1). This accounts quantitatively for the deviation from linearity in Figure 6, suggesting SR disorder of OH-F over this range as well.

The greater decrease in intensity of the B-band (MgMgAl-OH) relative to the A-band (MgMgMg-OH) as a function of F (Fig. 4) indicates a decrease in the relative number of MgMgAl environments with increasing F. Two possible mechanisms could lead to such a change. The first is progressive ordering of Al at the M2 site, induced by the replacement of OH by F at the O3 site. This process is probably operative in this system,

TABLE 4. Local configurations around the A site in synthetic amphiboles along the join pargasite-fluoropargasite

	Configuration				Band	
	M1M1M3	O3	A	O3	M1M1M3	A
1	MgMgMg	OH	Na	OH	MgMgMg	A'
2	MgMgMg	OH	Na	F	MgMgMg	—
3	MgMgMg	F	Na	F	MgMgMg	—
4	MgMgAl	OH	Na	OH	MgMgAl	B
5	MgMgAl	OH	Na	F	MgMgAl	B'
6	MgMgAl	F	Na	F	MgMgAl	—
7	MgMgMg	OH	Na	OH	MgMgAl	A+B
8	MgMgMg	OH	Na	F	MgMgAl	A'
9	MgMgMg	F	Na	OH	MgMgAl	B'
10	MgMgMg	F	Na	F	MgMgAl	—
11	MgMgMg	OH	□	OH	MgMgAl	A*
12	MgMgMg	OH	□	F	MgMgAl	A*
13	MgMgMg	F	□	F	MgMgAl	—

Notes: Local configurations 3, 6, 10, and 13 do not involve OH and hence produce no signature in this region of the infrared; bands 11 and 12 are degenerate.

as single-crystal structure refinement shows complete ordering of Al at M2 in fluoropargasite (Oberti et al. 1995b). The second is progressive departure of the amphibole composition toward edenite. Both the cell dimensions and compositional data indicate that for $X_F > 0.5$, this second mechanism is also operative.

The OH ↔ F substitution in pargasite

Complete OH-F solid solutions in amphiboles have been synthesized only for tremolite, richterite, and potassicrichterite compositions (Robert et al. 1989, 1999). In micas, the octahedral configuration around the anion site strongly controls the incorporation of F. In water-free conditions, stoichiometric F trioctahedral (phlogopite) and dioctahedral (muscovite) micas can be synthesized (Shell and Ivey 1969). However, under hydrothermal conditions, the F content is several times higher in phlogopite than in muscovite at constant F activity in the fluid phase. In tetrasilicic magnesium mica with mixed trioctahedral-dioctahedral character, the partition coefficient of F between trioctahedral and dioctahedral arrangements [$D_F = (F/OH)_{Tri}/(F/OH)_{Di}$] is ≈ 22 (Robert et al. 1993). This fact is interpreted in terms of local bond-valence requirements around the OH group in the different environments. The data presented here suggest a similar control from the local octahedral configuration over OH-F exchange in the amphibole structure. In Al-free amphiboles such as tremolite or richterite, the OH groups have no (or negligible) interaction with the NNN O atoms, and can be exchanged by F in all proportions with a short-range disordered OH-F distribution as shown by infrared data (Robert et al. 1989, 1999). In pargasite, the OH groups are bonded to two different types of NN configurations, MgMgMg trimers and MgMgAl trimers occurring in the ratio 1:1. The former is locally in the same arrangement as in richterite, and OH-F

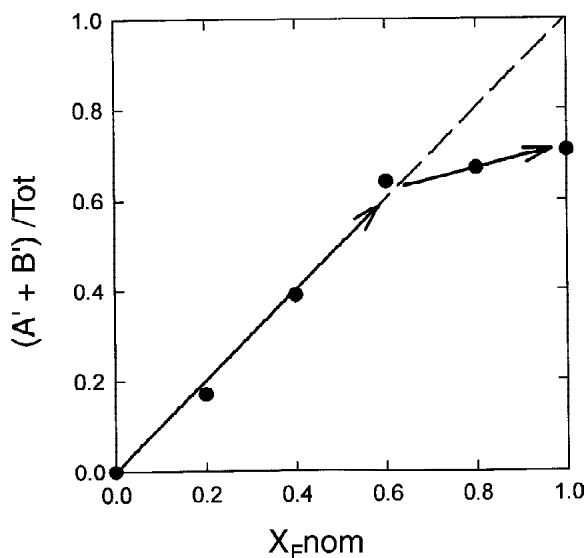


FIGURE 6. Comparison between nominal and IR-derived F content in synthetic amphiboles along the join pargasite-fluoropargasite.

exchange is easy. Due to local bond-valence requirements, the OH groups involved in the MgMgAl trimers have significant interaction with the NNN O atoms and are less favorable for F-OH exchange. This explains why the solubility limit is restricted at 1 apfu in pargasite and suggests that the $^{61}\text{Mg}/^{61}\text{Al}$ distribution in amphiboles has a key crystal-chemical influence on OH-F exchange in the structure.

The success of synthesis of fluoropargasite at high temperature (1200 °C) in OH-free systems may be explained by the complete ordering of ^{61}Al at M2 (Oberti et al. 1995b). This implies that fluoropargasite has only Mg in the NN environment around the anion site which can thus be filled by F, like in Al-free amphiboles.

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